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THE ASSIGNMENT OF VLANS

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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 4, 2004, the period for response being extended as a result of the enclosed petition and requisite fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.